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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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International application No.
PCT/RU 2005000151

Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed
 a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
 international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed."*):

3. the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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the claims:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims. Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
 the claims. Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO
	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claim		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Upon the Examination Report drawing up there were used the following sources of information:

D1 - RU 2183370 C1; D2 - RU 2170477 C1; D3 - US 2004/0048140 A1;
D4 - FR 2300425; D5 - GB 1085899.

In D1 there is known an electrode of an alkaline fuel cell, comprising an insulating frame with ports for feeding and discharging reagents , a mesh current collector , embedded in the frame with lead-outs , extending beyond the frame , an active and barrier layers, sequentially applied onto the mesh current collector.

The electrode, which has been declared in accordance with Claim 1, differs from the electrode , that is known from D1, in that sites of the embedment of the current collector and the lead-outs in the insulating frame and a periphery of the current collector along an inner edge of the insulating frame are provided with a sealing layer.

From D2 there is known a method for producing an electrode of an alkaline fuel cell, comprising the steps of: producing a mesh current collector with lead-outs , sequentially applying an active and barrier layers onto the current collector , embedding the current collector with the lead-outs into an insulating frame.

The method, which has been declared in accordance with the independent Claim 4, differs from the method, that is known from D2, in that before the application of the active and barrier layers onto the current collector , edges of the current collector and the lead-outs in sites of the embedment into the insulating frame are impregnated with a lacquer solution , but after the collector has been embedded into the insulating frame, a periphery of the collector along an inner edge of the insulating frame is impregnated with the lacquer solution.

The mentioned distinctive features , which are intended for an improvement of the electrode operation reliability by means of disjoining action of an electrolyte upon the insulating frame of the electrode and by means of preventing a leakage of the electrolyte, are not disclosed in the prior art and are not obvious ones for a person with the ordinary skills in the art.

Thus, Claims 1 and 4 as well as Claims 2, 3 and Claim 5 , which respectively are dependent on them , meet the criteria of novelty and inventive step.

All the Claims 1 to 5 meet the criterion of industrial applicability.